

STC 8546

# By the Kings Maiesties Commisssioners, for granting free VVarrens, and other things of that nature.



**T**HE KINGS most excellent Maiestie, tendering the quiet, ease, and contentment of his louing Subiects: *A* *N* *D* for the better preservation of each mans Game of all sorts in their owne lands and possessions, from common hunters, Potchers and the like: which his Maiestie vnderstanding diuers of his Subiects are desirous of, hath been graciously pleased to graunt his Commission vnder his great Seale of England, directed to some of his learned Counsel and others, whose names are subscribed, or compounding and agreeing with all such as will compound for free and Charter Warren, to be granted to them and their Heires vnder the great Seale of England: *A* *N* *D* for erecting Parkes and Warrens, in each mans seuerall possessions: *A* *N* *D* for renewing Charters and Grants of that nature, with diuers other benefits, & more ample priuiledges, and speedy remedies by his Maiesties said Grant, so to be obtained, against such inconueniences of Hunters and Potchers, more then the common or Statute Lawes, without the helpe of his Maiesties grant, can yeeld and afford: For Warrens or Parkes are not to be holden or erected but by Charter or Prescription, as by the said Commission may appeare.

The Command and commoditie of the priuiledge of Chartr'd grounds, and Warrens,  
*grounded vpon lawe and experience.*

- 1 **I**f doth enfranchise the land, by giuing an interest in the game to the owner of the ground, excludeth all strangers, who otherwise without the Kings grant haue as much interest therein as the owner: neither will any action lye against a man for taking or killing his game, or recovery be had without the Kings grant.
- 2 It hath great immunit.es and freedoms, whereof other grounds are destitute. *s. Eliza. R. aft 43.*
- 3 The trespasser shall incurre the payment mentioned in the Kings grant, which other Warrens want.
- 4 Warren ground is not subiect to the statute made against the conuersion of tillage, into pasture: whereby an arable ground outwozne and barrened by cozne, may so be imploied to greater benefit, till it be fruitfull for cozne againe.
- 5 Trespassers shall incurre imprisonment for thre yeres, and make fine and ransom, and put in sureties not to offend againe, and the finall punishment is abiuration.
- 6 The garden of wards that destroyes or annoies such groundes, shall be punished in wast.
- 7 The delinquent incurreth the danger of the statute lawes, and the penalty of the Kings Charter and common lawes.

The Commoditie.

- 1 **I**t is good to all persons and grieuance to none.
  - 2 They be subiect to a sute by Quo Warranto, that keepe and maintaine Warrens without the Kings graunt.
  - 3 The new Patentie hath full power to punish Potchers and petty hunters.
  - 4 The barren and wast grounds may be won to be fertill, and gained to be seuerall and good.
  - 5 Th's kinde of ground will be made fit for Tillage, and fruitfull for cozne.
  - 6 The Merchant shall be furnished with fures for cold Countries, to the maintenance of Harriners and shipping.
  - 7 The increase of Conies, in many barren wast grounds will be so great, that it will in those places keepe down the price of victuals.
  - 8 The feare of these punishments, hereby to be inflicted, will beate downe Idlenesse the roote and cause of mischiefs.
  - 9 It will be an occasion to preserue mens hedges, cozne, and sheepe, more free from petty hunters, Potchers, &c.
- The charge of passing this graunt vnder the Seale, shall not be great, as in other Cases.

The Office hereof is kept at Sir Henry Bretons house in Dury-Lane aboute Dury house, next to the signe of the Griffin, where you shall haue further satisfaction and direction herein.

The Commissioners for this Grant.

Sir Henry Yelverton, *Knight*, Atturney generall. Sir Thomas Couentry, *Knight*, Solicitor. Sir Iohn Townsend, *Knight*.

Sir Henry Breton, *Knight*, Sir George peckham, *Knight*, Henry Gibbe, *Esquire*.